

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in this application. Claims 2-16, 18-25, 27 and 29 have been amended in a non-narrowing manner and not for any reasons relating to patentability. The Examiner required restriction of one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 26-29, drawn to a device.
- II. Claims 1-25 drawn to a method.

Applicants wish to elect, with traverse, Group II including claims 1-25.

With respect to Applicants' traversal, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to M.P.E.P. § 803 which states that an Examiner must examine all the claims if the search and examination can be made "without serious burden."

There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction. The invention should be independent or distinct, and

"there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if a restriction is not required."

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner would not be unduly burdened if forced to examine Groups I and II. More specifically, the Examiner would not be unduly burdened if required to examine Group II and/or at least claims 28 and 29 of Group I.

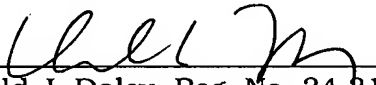
For all of the above stated reasons, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding restriction/election requirement and favorable allowance of all claims in the instant application are earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly,
extension of time fees.

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